

potato stocks



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POTATO STOCKS DOWN 6 PERCENT

Stocks of potatoes for all uses held in storage by growers, local dealers and processors in the fall production areas totaled 125.4 million cwt. on February 1, 1976, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 7.9 million cwt. (6 percent) less than the record 133.2 million on hand a year earlier, but 18.8 million cwt. more than on hand February 1, 1974.

For the eight eastern States, February 1, 1976, potato stocks were 19.7 million cwt., down 29 percent from the 27.9 million on hand a year ago. In Maine, stocks totaled 15.0 million cwt., down 6.5 million from a year earlier.

Stocks in the eight central States totaled 20.1 million, down 24 percent from the 26.5 million on hand a year earlier. Combined stocks in North Dakota and Minnesota totaled 13.3 million cwt., down 5.1 million from a year ago.

For the eight western States, February 1 potato stocks at 85.5 million cwt. were 8 percent (6.7 million cwt.) above the 78.9 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. Most of the increase in stocks occurred in Oregon (up 3.5 million) and Washington (up 3.1 million).

Disappearance from the 1976 fall crop to February 1, 1976, totaled 142.5 million cwt. (excluding Nevada), down 6 percent from the 152.2 million cwt. moved during the comparable period a year earlier.

The accumulated quantity of potatoes processed in the seven major States to February 1, 1976, from the 1975 crop totaled 49.7 million cwt., a decline of 15 percent from the 58.7 million cwt. processed during the comparable period a year earlier.

NOTE: Stocks are defined as the quantity remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including shrinkage and waste and other losses that occur after the date of each report. Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes generally account for about 90 percent of the total fall production. The remaining 10 percent is lost primarily through shrinkage and waste.

TABLE 1. FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION, DECEMBER 1, JANUARY 1, FEBRUARY 1, MARCH 1, AND APRIL 1 TOTAL STOCKS, CROPS OF 1965-75 IN THE FALL STATES

CROP YEAR	:	:	TOTAL STOCKS					
			PRODUCTION	:	FOLLOWING YEAR			
					DEC 1	JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1
	:	:	1,000 CWT					
1965	:	:	216,749	147,730	124,170	98,670	74,905	
1966	:	:	228,442	153,550	128,050	103,630	79,632	
1967	:	:	231,656	161,500	139,170	112,640	86,405	
1968	:	:	221,906	152,810	130,350	104,995	81,940	
1969	:	:	239,460	162,800	138,140	111,510	87,620	
1970	:	:	253,525	175,145	150,030	122,830	96,780	
1971 <u>1/</u>	:	:	266,686	176,340	151,400	124,370	98,480	
1972	:	:	248,841	158,440	134,320	107,165	83,305	<u>2/58,185</u>
1973	:	:	253,866	157,802	133,585	106,600	81,150	55,865
1974 <u>3/</u>	:	:	288,674	187,715	162,900	133,245	104,051	75,865
1975	:	:	271,942	180,930	152,920	125,360		

1/ BEGINNING WITH 1971 LATE SUMMER PRODUCTION FOR NEW YORK-LONG ISLAND, WISCONSIN AND WASHINGTON HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS FALL.

2/ APRIL 1 STOCKS EFFECTIVE WITH 1972 CROP YEAR.

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TABLE 2. POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING, 1/ SEVEN STATES, 1974 AND 1975 CROPS 2/

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	ENTIRE SEASON
					(000) CWT		
IDAHO AND MALHEUR CO, OREG	1974-75	19,742	23,803	28,063	32,820	38,344	58,168
	1975-76	15,030	19,890	24,965			
MAINE	1974-75	2,830	3,757	5,126	6,109	7,116	9,304
	1975-76	1,735	2,350	2,945			
WASH AND OTHER AREAS, OREG	1974-75	15,269	16,815	19,181	21,712	24,472	32,295
	1975-76	11,796	14,780	18,060			
OTHER STATES <u>3/</u>	1974-75	3,833	4,990	6,355	7,539	8,687	11,322
	1975-76	2,504	3,100	3,710			
TOTAL	1974-75	41,674	49,365	58,725	68,180	78,619	111,089
	1975-76	31,065	40,120	49,680			

1/ TOTAL QUANTITY RECEIVED AND USED FOR PROCESSING REGARDLESS OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE POTATOES WERE PRODUCED. DOES NOT INCLUDE QUANTITIES USED FOR POTATO CHIPS IN MAINE OR MICHIGAN.

2/ 1974-75 REVISED. 3/ MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, AND NORTH DAKOTA.

TABLE 3. POTATO : PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL
POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS,
AND LOCAL DEALERS ON FEBRUARY 1, 1975
AND FEBRUARY 1, 1976

STATE	:	PRODUCT	CROP OF 1974		CROP OF 1975	
			: TOTAL STOCKS		: PRODUCTION	
			: FEB 1, 1975		: FEB 1, 1976	
	:		1,000 CWT			
	:					
CALIF	:	6, 1	2,350	6,164	2,500	
COLO	:	8, 0	4,300	8,613	3,750	
CONN	:		120	552	1/	
IDAHO	:	81, 0	46,500	75,090	46,900	
IND	:	1, 5	70	1,500	140	
	:					
MAINE	:	36, 0	21,500	26,840	15,000	
MASS	:		170	718	150	
MICH	:	8, 0	2,500	6,670	2,000	
MINN	:	15, 0	8,100	9,690	5,400	
MONT	:	1, 0	1,430	1,748	1,520	
	:					
NEBR	:	1, 2	475	1,127	620	
N H	:		1/	92	1/	
N Y - L I	:	6, 0	1,200	6,058	1,200	
- UPSTATE	:	6, 58	2,400	5,760	1,650	
N DAK	:	22, 50	10,250	17,600	7,900	
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OHIO	:	2, 90	400	1,914	350	
OREG	:	17, 82	6,260	22,779	9,800	
PA	:	7, 60	2,365	6,815	1,550	
R I	:	1, 34	1/	987	1/	
S DAK	:		170	598	190	
	:					
UTAH	:	1, 81	570	1,508	620	
VT	:		1/	212	1/	
WASH	:	41, 60	16,800	48,300	19,900	
WIS	:	14, 00	4,500	14,850	3,500	
WYO	:	1, 28	670	1,632	555	
	:					
OTH STS	:		145		165	
	:					
24 STATE TOTAL	:	285,486	133,245	267,817	125,360	
	:					
NEV	:	3, 38	2/	4,125	2/	
	:					
TOTAL 25 FALL STATES	:	288,674	133,245	271,942	125,360	
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1/ STOCKS INCLUDED IN "OTHER STATES".

2/ NOT INCLUDED TO AVOID DISCLOSURE.



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POTATO STOCKS QUALITY SURVEY
Minnesota and North Dakota (Red River Valley)

Quality information contained in this report is based on a potato stocks quality survey conducted by the Statistical Reporting Service in the Red River Valley. There were 211 samples selected on a random basis and placed in storage at the time of harvest. Reports will continue to be issued through April for the 1975-76 storage season indicating accumulated average grade and weight loss for potato samples removed from storage.

Samples recovered before February 1, 1976 on the average continue to show a pronounced improvement in quality compared with a year ago. The percent of Red, White and Russet varieties that graded U. S. No. 1 (including B's) was 86, 83 and 68 percent, respectively, and compares with 77, 72, and 45 percent for the February 1 period a year earlier. The decline in U. S. No. 1 grade while in storage is less for Red and Russet varieties and is indicated at 5 percent (Reds) and 19 percent (Russets) for samples removed from storage to date compared with 14 and 28 percent for the same period a year earlier. White varieties, U. S. No. 1, reflect a 4 percent change in grade compared with 1 percent a year earlier.

The percent graded as Culls was less than a year ago for all varieties. The percent culls for samples removed from storage by February 1, 1976 and February 1, 1975 are as follows: Reds 7, 8; Whites 10, 20; and Russets 17, 47. Total weight loss while in storage, for recovered samples, was slightly higher than a year ago for Red and White varieties, but less for Russets. Weight loss ranges from 3 to 5 percent and compares with 3 to 9 percent a year earlier.

Averages for all potatoes shipped during the season (final) are shown for the 1974 crop. Thus, comparisons relating to change in grade from February to final can be made for the 1974 crop. In interpreting current survey indications, consideration should be given to further changes that may occur in average grade and weight loss from February 1 to the end of season.

POTATO STOCKS QUALITY, RED RIVER VALLEY, 1975-76
AVERAGE GRADE OF POTATOES SHIPPED: 1/

VARIETAL TYPE	INCLUDING B'S		NO. 2		CULLS		NO. 1 B'S		WEIGHT LOSS
	AT HARVEST	AFTER STORAGE	AT HARVEST	AFTER STORAGE	AT HARVEST	AFTER STORAGE	AT HARVEST	AFTER STORAGE 2/	
	PERCENT								
	SAMPLES RECOVERED BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1976								
RED	91	86	5	7	4	7	10	5	
WHITE	87	83	6	7	7	10	12	4	
RUSSET	87	68	7	15	6	17	13	3	
	SAMPLES RECOVERED BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1975								
RED	91	77	5	15	4	8	3/	4	
WHITE	73	72	14	8	13	20	3/	3	
RUSSET	73	45	15	8	12	47	4	9	
	ALL SAMPLES 1974-75 STORAGE SEASON - FINAL								
RED	88	69	7	12	5	19	3/	4	
WHITE	76	70	12	10	12	20	3/	5	
RUSSET	70	61	18	11	12	28	9	6	

1/ MATCHED SAMPLES, QUALITY AT HARVEST COMPARED WITH QUALITY AFTER STORAGE.

2/ NO. 1 B'S ARE POTATOES THAT MEET THE U S NO. 1 GRADE BUT DID NOT MEET MINIMUM SIZE STANDARDS FOR THE AREA; RED AND WHITE VARIETIES 1 1/2 - 2 1/4 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND RUSSET VARIETIES UNDER 2 INCHES IN DIAMETER OR WEIGHT LESS THAN 4 OUNCES.

3/ NOT AVAILABLE.